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**TO:** Assistant Chief of Staff, O-2  
Department of the Army

**FROM:** James B. Fitzpatrick  
Assistant Director

**SUBJECT:** COMINT INTELLIGENCE TO THE SUPPORT OF THE INSURGENCY  
by Major General Charles A. Willoughby

1. The following report re support allegedly extended by Major General Charles A. Willoughby to the activities of HISTORY Taskforce supplements the information transmitted in AD-WIN. The source is adjudged to be fairly reliable. However, he secured this information from contacts with a pro-NAZI line.

2. HISTORY has told Fitzpatrick that sometime prior to June 1940, General Willoughby outlined his vision to HISTORY in the following terms:

Present day Japan is dismmed. The Constitution of Japan is now a dead letter. However, the day will surely come when Japan must be freed again. Assessment is an absolute necessity for Japan in terms of my realistic thinking. It must be carried out on an entirely new scale, not in the "present system" manner. The establishment of an excellent new army depends upon the recruitment of a large number of fine leaders. From now on it is my wish that you start out picking out men of superior character, ability, and ideals from among senior officers of the army, and making close contact with them. Success as such an attempt, if it were made openly at this time, would facilitate immediately understandable and without resistance and drafts not only within Japan but among foreign countries as well; you must keep your task a complete secret. It is of course perfectly understood that you and I are related in this work and cooperating in it together. In consideration of an emergency or any breach of security, give the title of intelligence agents to those persons whom you will now recruit for assessment planning tasks, so that under the cover of your other activities, the fact that our present task is a prelude to revolution may be concealed.

It is alleged that from that time forward, a considerable amount of

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operational expenses were provided to HATTORI Takao by American G.I.s. HATTORI was deeply impressed with both the ideas and the character of Major General Willoughby, and immediately took up the responsibility for disseminating his given mission.

3. Those in post-HATTORI circles maintain that it was not HATTORI alone, but the plan of General Willoughby, that HATTORI recruit personnel for intelligence and reconnaissance planning activities. It is furthered that much of the adverse publicity surrounding HATTORI at the present time is a direct result of his association with General Willoughby and of a situation that has set in since the departure of General Willoughby.

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